

As a consumer of various forms of media (radio, tv, internet), I've noticed that in the past few years an increasing number of radio stations keep playing the same songs (this is particularly a problem with clearchannel stations across the country) ad nauseum. Furthermore, even with the new satellite radio (beyond the fact that consumers now have to pay for what used to be free in terms of variety), they are again all owned by the same conglomerates and offering no real choice/variety, even across various forms of media.

Lastly, I want to add that I don't think it is very realistic from a consumer standpoint to expect that the news people receive from the approx. 4 large conglomerate media corporations is fair, unbiased, and a complete/accurate reporting of the events not intended to misrepresent or to defraud. This becomes a problem particularly when one considers that as publicly traded corporations and/or corporations receiving a substantial amount of funding through the sale of airtime as no company's editor, producer, etc. will want to bite the proverbial hand that feeds it.

As a consumer, I would like to see more variety within and among the various forms of mass media, both individually and collectively.

I do not favour further conglomeration, such as the merger between AOL and Time Warner, as has been occurring over the last 10-15 yrs since it has effectively lead to an oligopoly or imperfect monopoly.